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PASS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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SUBJECT: STEELWORKER ELECTION INVESTIGATION

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY BURKHARDT, ACCOMPANIED BY LABATT, MET INFORMALLY WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOR EBERLEE; ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER KELLY; DIRECTOR GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MAINWARING; LEGAL ADVISOR ROACH; AND EXTAFF DIRECTOR, USA DIVISION SHARPE TO DISCUSS THE COMPLAINTS INVOLVED IN MR. SADLOWSKI'S CHALLENGE OF RECENT STEELWORKERS' UNION ELECTION. THE COMPLAINT FILED WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL) UNDER LANDRUM-GRIFFIN ACT ALLEGED CERTAIN VIOLATIONS INVOLVING STEELWORKERS' CANADIAN LOCAL UNIONS.

2. BURKHARDT DISCUSSED THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF COMPLAINT WITH THE CANADIAN OFFICIALS AS WELL AS SIX POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO DETERMINE THE MOST APPROPRIATE MECHANISM FOR ANSWERING THE COMPLAINT. THESE ALTERNATIVES WERE:

A. ALLOW U.S. DOL TO COME INTO CANADA AND INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS.

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B. REQUEST THAT THE APPROPRIATE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS THEMSELVES.

C. HAVE U.S. DOL INFORM (THROUGH THE MAIS) STEELWORKER MEMBERS IN CANADA OF COMPLAINT AND ESTABLISH A "HARING" POST ON U.S. SIDE OF BORDER FOR VOLUNARY SUBMISSION OF

INFORMATION.

GOC RESPONSE WAS THAT ALTERNATIVES A AND B WERE WITHOUT LEGAL AUTHORITY AND C WOULD BE BOTH COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AND AN AFFRONT TO BOTH GOVERNMENT AND UNION MEMBERS IN CANADA. IT WAS TERMED "UNACCEPTABLE" BY GOC. FURTHER ALTERNATIVES CITED WERE:

D. HAVE APPROPRIATE GOC AGENCY VERIFY THE ELECTION RESULTS.

E. U.S. DOL REQUEST U.S. COURT TO SEEK NEEDED DOCUMENTATION FROM VARIOUS CANADIAN PROVINCIAL COURTS.

F. CANADIAN STEELWORKERS' MEMBERS TO SEEK RELIEF ON THE COMPLAINT THROUGH APPROPRIATE CANADIAN COURTS. , WITH REGARD TO D, CANADIANS SAID THAT ONLY IF RESPONSIBLE CANADIAN UNION OFFICIAL REQUESTED SUCH ACTION WOULD GOC ENTERTAIN THE IDEA OF VERIFYING THE BALLOTS (MAIN COMPLAINT) BUT ONLY AFTER GOC HAD CLEARED SUCH A REQUEST WITH RELEVANT PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS. ALTERNATIVE E IS VIABLE PROVIDING THAT COURTS CAN AGREE AND ASSUMING REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IS AVAILABLE. FURTHERMORE, THIS COURSE OF ACTION COULD POSE LEGAL PROBLEMS. ALTERNATIVE F WAS TERMED BY GOC AS THE MOST VIABLE ONE SINCE IT WOULD PROVIDE BEST SOLUTION UNDER CANADIAN LEGISLATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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